

**Remarks/Arguments**

The Examiner has indicated (in the most recent Office Action dated July 29, 2004 section entitled "Allowable Subject Matter") that claims 3-14, and 17-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have canceled original claims 1-20 and rewritten the limitations previously included in dependent claims 3, 6, 9, 12, and 17 in independent form as new claims (including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims). Also presented as new claims, are limitations included as dependent claims 4-5, 7-8, 10-11, 13-14, and 18-20. Having complied with the Examiner's requirements for allowable subject matter, applicants believe the claims are now in condition for allowance. A chart of cross-references between old claim numbers and new claim numbers is presented for convenience purposes.

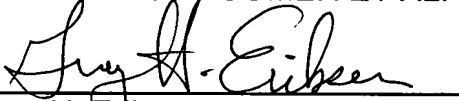
<b>Original Claim No.</b>	<b>New Claim No.</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Canceled</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Canceled</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	Claim 21 includes limitations of 1,2 & 3 combined
<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>	Claim 24 includes limitations of 1,2 & 6 combined
<b>7</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	Claim 27 includes limitations of 1,2 & 9 combined
<b>10</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	Claim 30 includes limitations of 1,2 & 12 combined
<b>13</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>32</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>Canceled</b>	
<b>16</b>	<b>Canceled</b>	
<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	Claim 33 includes limitations of 15-17 combined
<b>18</b>	<b>34</b>	
<b>19</b>	<b>35</b>	
<b>20</b>	<b>36</b>	

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Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, allowance is respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6807, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled during which any remaining issues may be discussed. No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,  
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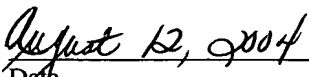
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